

LT. GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI BLASTS PROPOSED CSU EXECUTIVE PAY INCREASE

In letters to the CSU Chancellor and the Board of Trustees Chair, Garamendi voiced opposition to executive pay increases. He also called for UC and CSU meetings to be scheduled on different days to allow for full participation by ex-officio members.

SACRAMENTO - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi today sent a letter to California State University (CSU) Chancellor Charles Reed and Board of Trustees Chair Roberta Achtenberg opposing any executive pay raises.

The letter outlines seven substantial reasons for the CSU not to proceed with a pay increase. On Wednesday, the CSU Board of Trustees will vote on a administrative pay increase of nearly 12 percent. Garamendi, an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees, is encouraging his fellow board members to vote no on this issue.

"I believe the formal policy on executive compensation and the proposal to provide salary increases to CSU executives is ill-timed and unwise," Garamendi stated within the letter. "At a time when California faces ongoing budgetary pressure and uncertainty, when student fees have been increased 94% since 2002, and when future increases in CSU's general fund support are highly unlikely, this proposal will most assuredly arouse the ire of students, faculty and the Legislature."

The Lieutenant Governor also sent letters to CSU and UC administrators regarding the ongoing scheduling conflict between the Trustees and Regents meetings, which continue to be held on the same days in opposite ends of the state. This scheduling conflict prevents ex-officio members who serve on both Boards from being able to attend all of the meetings and vote on important issues impacting higher education in California.

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